



The 2015 Hampden Recreation Plan prioritizes the need for land for additional playing fields, development of additional fields, and increased parking at the Lura Hoit Pool site.

This spring, the Town Council hired design and engineering consultants to evaluate the Lura Hoit Pool and Municipal Building site to assist in securing required Maine DEP permitting for additional parking, and to determine potential expanded uses of the site.

Public workshops for this phase of the project will happen on August 22 and September 28, 2017. More details inside!

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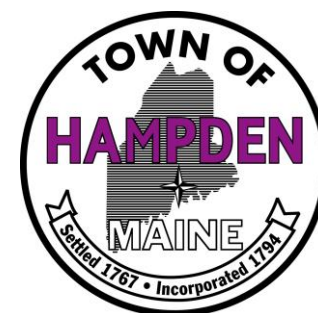
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Public notice of two upcoming workshops regarding Lura Hoit Pool and Municipal Building site – parking and recreational fields





Pool site "overflow" parking, Fall 2015

What's been happening?

The Town Council recognizes the need for additional parking to serve the current uses on site. Permitting by Maine DEP will be needed to add any new parking.

Following the recommendations in the Hampden Recreation Plan, the Council is also evaluating whether the site could accommodate additional recreational uses in the future.

A design and engineering firm has been hired to assist the Town in understanding what is possible on the site, and arriving at key decisions regarding whether and to what extent additional uses may be needed (or desired) to accommodate the Town's mid- and long-range goals. And, they will assist in understanding the cost implications of different use scenarios – including both up-front costs and longer-term operations and maintenance.

What questions does the Town face?

The Council unanimously recognizes the need for additional parking – but how much parking, and how it's configured, needs to be determined.

The Council is actively debating whether additional recreational uses of the site are needed, wanted, and/or worth the cost. Some Councilors support additional recreational uses, others do not.

Decisions ahead include:

- » Whether current uses will be expanded, and/or new uses added?
- » If so, what uses (i.e. ballfields, access roads/paths, concession stand, public restrooms, etc.)?
- » How would any work be phased, and over what time period?
- » How would any costs be financed, and over what time period?

Public discussion will also consider how planning for this site may affect (*cont'd*)



...longer-term plans for current public facilities such as the Skehan Center (currently under lease), the Ballfield Road site, and/or the Edythe Dyer Library.

How do I weigh in?

Public workshops will take place on:

- » **Tuesday, August 22**
- » **Thursday, September 28**

Both workshops will begin at 6 PM in the Public Safety Training Room at the Hampden Municipal Building.

Three site concepts will be presented in August, with public discussion of the pros and cons of each. Building on this public input, the consultants will present a revised site concept in September.

DEP permitting for parking is expected to begin this fall. The Town Council will determine whether other improvements will be proposed, taking into account policy objectives, site development feasibility, costs, and public participation.

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